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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN VIEW OF NAS AND NON-ALIGNED

1. DURING MY DISCUSSION WITH HIM SEPT. 12 ON UN ISSUES (SEPTTEL), FOREIGN MINISTRY UN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR HADJ AZZOUT, WHO ATTENDED (NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, SAID THAT OFFICIAL PRESENCE THERE AS FULL MEMBERS OF NORTH KOREA, VIET NAM AND LAOS, COUNTRIES HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING DEEP POLITICAL COLORATION, HAD CREATED GREAT TENSION AT COLOMBO. PREVIOUSLY THESE COUNTRIES AND THEIR INTERESTS HAD BEEN REPRESENTED BY SURROGATES WITHIN NON-ALIGNED, AND OTHER STATES HAD OFTEN REFRAINED FROM CONTESTING POSITIONS TAKEN BY SUCH INTERMEDIARIES WHO WERE RESPECTED NAM MEMBERS. HOWEVER, PRESENCE OF VIETNAMESE, NORTH KOREANS AND LAOTIANS IN HALL AT COLOMBO HAD INSPIRED MANY NA MEMBERS TO REMOVE KID GLOVES AND TO OBJECT STRENUOUSLY TO SUCH ITEMS AS KOREAN RESOLUTION. CONFRONTATION, HADJ AZZOUT SUGGESTED, HAD BECOME FACT OF NON-ALIGNED LIFE AND FUTURE OF ORGANIZATION IN DOUBT AS RESULT.

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2. IT NOW POSSIBLE, HADJ AZZOUT NOTED, TO MAKE TWO INTER-

PRETATIONS OF MANY OF STEPS TAKEN AT COLOMBO. ON ONE HAND, ONE COULD CONTEND THAT RESOLUTIONS HAD ALL BEEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH OCCASIONAL OBJECTIONS BY IMPERIALIST LACKEYS. ON OTHER, IT WAS POSSIBLE TO ARGUE THAT SOME ACTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN IN FACE OF RISING OPPOSITION BY SOME NA MEMBERS.

3. HADJ AZZOUT'S OTHER OBSERVATIONS ON CONFERENCE AND NAM WERE:

A. YUGOSLAVS ARE SQUARELY IN MAINSTREAM OF NON-ALIGNED. THEY ARE PLAYING RESPONSIBLE ROLE WHICH MAKES THEM PILLAR OF MOVEMENT.

B. NORTH KOREANS HAD BEEN EXTREMELY AGGRESSIVE DURING CONFERENCE. THIS HAD IRRITATED MANY PEOPLE. HE NOTED THAT THE KOREANS HAD BEEN OUT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS SINCE 1945 AND IMPLIED THEY DID NOT KNOW HOW TO BEHAVE.

C. CUBANS, WHILE DEFENDING THEIR LONG-HELD VIEWS, HAD BEEN RATHER MODERATE, PERHAPS IN ORDER NOT TO QUEER THEIR CHANCES FOR PLAYING HOST TO 1979 SUMMIT.

D. INDIANS WERE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR ROLE AS MAJOR NON-ALIGNED STATE AND REFRAINED FROM TAKING EXTREMIST POSITIONS.

E. SRI LANKANS HANDLED COLOMBO CONFERENCE WELL. PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE WAS STRUCTURE OF CONFERENCE BUILDING WHICH PERMITTED SINGLE SECURITY AGENT TO CONTROL ACCESS TO MAIN CONFERENCE BUILDING FROM SECRETARIAT AREA.

3. COMMENT: PERHAPS BECAUSE HE WAS PLAYING TO AMERICAN AUDIENCE, HADJ AZZOUT'S IMPLICATION WAS THAT NORTH KOREA, VIET NAM AND LAOS CAUSING NAM PROBLEMS. LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, HE SEEMS TO RECOGNIZE THAT MODERATES WITHIN MOVEMENT HAVE BEGUN TO STAND UP AND FIGHT. PARKER

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